

# ANTHRAX

## (Naturally occurring)

- Caused by bacteria obtained from animal contact or eating meat from infected animals
  - Infected animals = livestock and wildlife
  - Increased risk during droughts
- Symptoms
  - Skin form – bump ➤ blister ➤ ulcer, swelling, and fever
  - GI form – nausea, vomiting, fever, and abdominal pain
  - Inhalation form – fever, cough, chest discomfort, muscle aches, respiratory distress and death
- Countermeasures ➡ Avoid animal contact
  - Eat only food approved by the U.S. military
  - Bivouac away from livestock and wildlife
- Bioterrorism agent

